

# Campus Briefs

**Zener To Speak At Phi Eta Sigma Fete**  
Dean of Science Clarence Zener will be the featured speaker at an annual Phi Eta Sigma banquet April 12.

Ninety-eight new members, recently initiated into the national scholastic honor fraternity for freshmen, will hear the metals expert speak in the Memorial Student Center's Assembly Room.

The Stanford and Harvard-trained dean and National Academy of Sciences member came to A&M from Westinghouse Research Laboratories in Pittsburgh, Pa. He has been honored with several awards for contributions to metallurgical science, the latest the Albert Sauveur Achievement Award of the American Society of Metals.

Zener recently delivered a paper at an international metals and alloys conference in Switzerland. He is recognized as a national leader in science.

Phi Eta Sigma membership, highest scholastic honor attainable by a freshman, was conferred on 98 A&M students at initiation ceremonies Tuesday (March 29). An average grade point ratio of 2.5 or better for the first two semesters is prerequisite to membership.

## Engineers Tour Chemical Plants

Chemical engineering majors are touring six chemical firms in Houston, Pasadena and Deer Park this week.

Dr. C. D. Holland and Dr. Richard R. Davison are accompanying 31 future chemical engineers on the inspection trips.

Monday the group visited Shell Chemical at Deer Park and an Ethyl Corporation plant at Pasadena. Stauffer Chemical and Matheson Chemical of Houston and Pasadena will be Tuesday

stops with Petrotex and Good-year Tire and Rubber of Pasadena to conclude the trip Wednesday.

## Profs To Attend Social Science Meet

Three Department of History and Government faculty members will participate in the Southwestern Social Science Association meeting Thursday through Saturday in New Orleans.

Dr. Lloyd C. Taylor will present a paper: "Julia Peterkin, Henri Bergson, and the Negro."

Dr. J. M. Nance, department head, and Dr. Wilbourn E. Benton are other participants. Benton, vice president of the Southwestern Political Science Association, is program chairman for the weekend meeting.

## Debate Team Closes Out Season

The debate team wound up its season with a major showing at the regional Pi Kappa Delta Tournament at Stephen F. Austin State College over the weekend.

David Maddox and David Gay tied for first place with Baylor in the men's debate division. Both had 6-2 marks.

Simeon Lake won an "excellent" rating in men's extempore.

Lake and Benny Mays posted a 5-3 record in cross examination. Debate Coach Carl Kell said the Aggies captured a sweepstakes award for notching the fourth highest point record. A&M was 11-5 for the day.

## Ag Students Tour Rio Grande Valley

Twelve senior agricultural engineering students are touring agricultural industries in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

They are Ralph Bower of Palacios; William Browder, Lexington; Tommy Gosdin, Glen Rose; Orvel Hill, Sylvester; Joao Leite, Brazil; Juan Martinez, Ecuador; James Miller, Stephenville; Martin Palacios, Peru; Ataur Rahman, East Pakistan; Jose Simoes, Brazil, and Lynn Swanner, Winnsboro.

The group is visiting several local and U. S. Department of Agriculture facilities in the Valley.

## Chemist Studies 'Fishy' Problem

A Texas A&M chemist is studying methods of converting fish into flour.

Dr. W. W. Meinke, head of the Chemurgic Research Laboratory, received a research grant of \$5,078 recently from the Southwest Engineering Company of Los Angeles, Calif., to test equipment to produce oil-free flour from sea life.

The fish protein concentrate, as the flour is called, may be an inexpensive means to provide protein in human diet. Three quarters of a pound of the flour provides the daily protein requirement for one person.

"The development of techniques to produce wholesome fish protein supplement could play a major role in alleviating malnutrition in the world," Meinke pointed out.

"The ocean provides an inexhaustible supply of animal protein to feed the starving populations of the world. Economic methods to tap this rich reserve of the sea must be developed, however," he added.



**CORPS UNDERGOES FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Col. Paul Kennison, right, reviews Army elements of the Corps of Cadets during the Corps' annual general inspection. Kennison headed a team of inspectors from Fourth Army headquarters at Fort Sam Houston who toured military facilities and inspected Corps units over the weekend. At left is Col. D. L. Baker, Commandant of the Corps.

## Davis Honored At Wildlife Banquet

Dr. W. B. Davis, professor of wildlife science, has been awarded a plaque by the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society for contributions to conservation and management of Texas wildlife.

Dr. James Teer, Texas Chapter president and A&M wildlife science professor, praised Davis for training more than 60 per cent of professional wildlife people in Texas and many men in wildlife leadership positions throughout the nation.

The award was made at a banquet over the weekend in the

Ramada Inn.

Davis retired as department head last year to devote full time to teaching and research. He joined the staff in 1937 and became department head in 1942. The professor has written more than 75 scientific articles and two books on mammology and wildlife management, and is a past president of the American Society of Mammologists.

A&M President Earl Rudder reviewed his impressions of a 10-day visit to Vietnam in March at the banquet.

"The war must be won before real educational progress can be made," he said. "Teaching programs are poorly co-ordinated and there is a shortage of teachers."

Rudder was one of two Texans in President Johnson's task force to study educational needs in the stricken Asian country.

He saw a vital need for national cohesion.

"The people must understand that education is the key to their economic, social and political advancement," Rudder declared.

## Railroad Official Cites Problems In Transportation

Improved waybilling and zone loading concepts must be developed for private industry to retain transportation shipping, a railroad official declared Friday.

T. R. Cheney, manager of merchandise traffic for Atlantic Coastline Railroad, spoke on a small shipment problems panel in the final day of A&M's eighth annual Transportation Conference. More than 100 transportation executives of the nation met for the three-day parley.

Economic problems faced by truckers, railroads and other shipping methods threaten to force nationalization of transportation systems.

"If free enterprise companies cannot find a way to provide this essential service at a low cost, it will be provided by the federal government," Cheney warned.

He noted 86 per cent of package freight delivered in the U. S. is by common carrier truck lines. Five per cent is by freight forwarders, two per cent by express and slightly over two per cent by railway.

The former trucker explained how "piggy-backing" allows railroads to compete with truck lines for speed and economy. By moving truck trailers most of the distance by rail and completing delivery by truck, "10 to 15 days shipment from Atlanta to Orlando is getting second morning delivery," the former sales manager of Ryder Truck Lines said.

"We surveyed rate situations and found in almost every instance our rates were below those of motor carriers," he added.

The conference was sponsored by the Texas Transportation Institute at A&M.

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